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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JAN 30 WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT

1. THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE EIGHTH ROUND, AND NINETY-FIRST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, TOOK PLACE JANUARY 30 WITH THE BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSEN) IN THE CHAIR. STATEMENTS WERE DELIVERED BY CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) AND POLISH REP (DABROWA). POLISH STATEMENT IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. THE MAIN POINTS OF GRANDE'S PRESENTATION WERE:

A. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS BELIEVE AN AGREEMENT CAN AND SHOULD BE REACHED IN 1976.

B. PARTICIPANTS IN VIENNA ARE SEEKING TO INCREASE THEIR
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SECURITY IN A NEW WAY, THROUGH REDUCING BY AGREEMENT RATHER THAN

ENLARGING THEIR FORCES.

C. TO MEET THE AGREED GOALS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, REDUCTIONS MUST EFFECTIVELY REDUCE THE RISK OF CONFLICT AND SUBSEQUENT ESCALATION IN EUROPE.

D. SECOND, REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL AND MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT.

E. THIRD, THE OVERALL OUTCOME SHOULD BE STABLE AND ONE CONTRIBUTING TO ENHANCED STABILITY IN THE AREA.

F. FOURTH, SUCH AN OUTCOME MUST BE ACHIEVED BY MEASURES WHICH DO NOT DIMINISH THE SECURITY OF EITHER SIDE.

G. FINALLY, AN AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE ASSOCIATED MEASURES AND PROVISIONS FOR SAFEGUARDING THE SECURITY OF FLANK PARTICIPANTS.

H. THE WESTERN PROPOSALS, AS AUGMENTED BY THE NUCLEAR OFFER OF DECEMBER 16, 1975, CLEARLY FULLS THE FOREGOING CRITERIA.

I. AGREEMENT ON THIS BASIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY REDUCE THE RISK OF CONFLICT AND ESCALATION BY FOCUSING ON KEY FORCE ELEMENTS IN THE EXISTING CONFRONTATION AND DEALING WITH THEM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENHANCE STABILITY.

J. SECOND, WESTERN PROPOSALS PROVIDE FOR SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY REDUCTIONS, NOW INCLUDING US NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

K. THIRD, THESE PROPOSALS OPEN THE WAY TO ACHIEVING A STABLE AND EQUITABLE OUTCOME.

L. FINALLY, THE BENEFITS WHICH THE EAST WOULD DERIVE WOULD AT LEAST BE EQUAL TO THE BURDENS
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IT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT.

M. THE EXPANDED WESTERN REDUCTION PROPOSAL, AS PUT FORWARD ON DECEMBER 16, FULLY MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE CANADIAN STATEMENT FOLLOWS BY
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